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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, CI

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GEN. MABRY, COMUSARSO

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED INVITATION TRANSMITTED IN NAME OF GEN. PINOCHET BY CHILEAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. BRAVO, INVITING GEN. MABRY (COMUSARSO) TO VISIT CHILE BETWEEN SEPT 16 AND 21. DURING THIS VISIT HE WOULD BE PRESENT AT TWO-DAY CHILEAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY SEPTEMBER 18-19, SECOND DAY OF WHICH IS CHILEAN ARMY DAY.

2. SINCE THIS OCCASION WILL BE FIRST FULL-SCALE GOC NATIONAL CELEBRATION SINCE JUNTA ASSUMED POWER SPET 11,

1973, GOC IS ALREADY BUILDING IT UP AS A MAJOR EVENT. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT PRES. STROESSNER WILL BE ATTENDING FROM PARAGUAY, AS WELL AS A PERUVIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL. OTHERS MAY POSSIBLY BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

3. AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, I HAVE FAVORED PROPERLY SPACED VISITS BY TOP MILITARY OFFICERS TO CHILE, AS A VERY USEFUL MEANS OF IMPROVING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN US AND CHILEAN ARMED FORCES. ACCORDINGLY, I AGREED TO A SCHEDULE OF ONE SUCH VISIT EACH MONTH, BETWEEN JULY AND NOVEMBER 1974.

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AT THAT TIME, PROBLEM RAISED ABOVE HAD NOT PRESENTED

ITSELF.

4. I AM SURE THAT SIGNIFICANCE OF GEN. MABRY'S  
FAILURE TO ACCEPT INVITATION WOULD NOT BE UNNOTICED  
BY CHILEANS. AT SAME TIME, I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD  
BE HELPFUL EITHER FOR THE CHILEANS OR FOR US TO  
HAVE THE PRESENCE OF A PROMINENT US MILITARY OFFICER  
FEATURED ON THIS IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL OCCASION.  
ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD PREFER THAT IF POSSIBLE GEN.  
MABRY INDICATE THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE CANNOT ATTEND ON  
THSE PARTICULAR DATES, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO SO  
A WEEK OR TWO LATER AS WE HAD RECOMMENDED IN COMUSMILGP  
CHILE 251230Z JUNE 74 TO USCINCSO.

5. STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER  
FOREGOING RE VISIT IN LIGHT OF PROBLEMS RE MILITARY AID TO CHILE  
ENCOUNTERED IN CONGRESS AS AID LEGISLATION PROGRESSES  
THERE.  
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